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There's much in the world that is doubtful, There's much we shall ne'er understand, Why virtue should live in a Poorhouse, And vice on the fat of the land. For those who are fretful and peevish, This duty remains to fulfil;

But try to be honest and happy. And let the world do as it will. Thepoor wretch who walks upon crutches May often be envied, far more Than be who in spendid apparel Can shut on the beggar his door;

He cares not for claret and sherry; Of venison he has not his fill-Yet dares to be honest and happy, And lets the world do as it will.

He boasteth no lordly possessions, No livery at table to wait; He maketh no hollow professions To cheat his friend sooner or late; He ruins no hard working tradesman, Who gets but a curse for his bill; But tries to be honest and happy, And lets the world do as it will.

He joins not the bowl or the wassail, He seeks not the gambler or sot; Contentment and health are the blessings That daily recur to his lot; And whilst in the midst of his children Goed precepts he strives to instil; He shows that he's honest and happy,

And lets the world do as it will. Oh! who then would grumble at fortune, Though sorrow and toiling betide?-The man that with wealth is a villain, Might be virtueus were it denied! Too much may o'erburden and sink you, Too little oft keep you from ill; Then try to be honest and happy, And let the world do as it will.

The man who with plenty is honest, Hath little to ask for his name; But he who, though humble, is upright, Shall live in the annals of Fame ; The vicious may mock at his mem'ry, But ages will think on him still-Then strive to be honest and happy, And let the world do as it will.

COURTING IN FRENCH HOLLOW.

BY "SOLITAIRE." From Mr. J. S. Robb's volume of stories just published by Carey & Hart.

"Courtin' is all slick enough when everybody's agreed, and the gal aint got no mischief in her; but when an extensive family, old maids, cross daddy, and a romantic old mammy, all want to put thur fingers into the young uns' dish of sweet doin's, and the gal's fractious besides, why a fellar that's yearnin' for matrimony is likely to git his fires dampened, or bust his biler."

Thus reasoned Tom Bent to a select party of river cronies, who were seated around him upon the boiler deck of a Mississippi steamer, as she sped along one neighborhood of Bayou Teche. The subject was courting, and on that particular question Tom was considered an oracle, the fair sex, he had run many risks to ingratiate himself in their affections. Tom was now fast falling into the sere and yellow leaf of bachelorism, and although he had vowed unalterable affection to at least unblessed singleness.

"How about that afarr of your'n with old Fecho's gal, in St. Louis, Tom?" inquired one of the circle.

"What, that little French gal?" inquired Tom, with a grin; "well, that that but that I wur, like a boat fast on a sandwas a salty scrape, boys, and though the laugh is agin me thar, I'm blessed if I don't gin you the sarcumsince." So Tom squared himself for a yarn, wet his lips with a little corn juice, took a small strip of Missouri weed, and "let out."

"That gal of old Fecho's war about the pootyest creatur, fur a foreigner, I ever teok a shute arter; her eyes jest floated about in her head like a star's shadow on a Massissippi wave, and her model was as | caught here thar'll be suthin' broke-a trim as the steamer Eagle; 'sides, her buryin' instead of a weddin'; not that I'm paddles wur the cleanest shaped fixins that | the least mite skeered fur myself, but the ever propelled anythin' human, and her laugh rung like a challenge bell on a 'fast trip'-it couldn't be beat. She run inte my affecshuns, and I couldn't help it. I danced with her, but she only laughed at gentleman cow ?-von bull-but, mon my sweet'nin'. Arter a spell, when I cum it strong about affecshun, and the needcessity of towin' side and side together, she | all ovair !' told me that her old daddy wouldn't let her marry an American! Ef I warn't snag- me, fur I'll streak it like a fast boat, the ged at this I wouldn't say so. The old moment I hear steam from his scape-pipe lookin' on at the dance, and I jest wished a Massissippi catty with a thread line, as

will you gin in ?" " 'Oh,' says she, 'you so vair strong at

"So havin' fixed it all with her smooth as a full freight and a June rise, I drew up alongside of the old fellar, jest as he had cleared his chisaley for a fresh draw of his pipe. Old Fecho had been a mountain inch or two more steam, and then blew off her last warnin' made me. It was so "Who smells the worst mister?"

gal of your'n, Mounseer,' says I, to begin which side of the buildin' I wur on, and with; and it did tickle his fancy to have that wur an all important perticuler, fur it her cracked up, 'cause he thought her wur just three stories high on one side, creation's finishin' touch-so did I! 'Oui, towards the Hollow, and it warn't only sare,' says old Fecho, 'she vair fine lettel one on the side next the hill-in course. gal, von angel wizout de ving; she is, all the chances wur in favor of the well sair, mine only von fille."

I; 'a parfect high pressure, and no dis- low fur me. I looked up, as I hung on,

call s-c-r-r-rouge, ch? vat is he, sair; low, but they'd all put on thar night caps, my leetel gal no vat you call von s.c-1-r-r and wouldn't be coaxed from under the ouge, sair!' and here old Fecho went off kiver; then I'd look below, and listen, into a mad fit, jest as of I'd called her bad until I made sartin in my mind that I could names. I tried to put down his 'safety hear the droppin' of water, somewhar valve,' but he would blow off his wrath; about fifty feet below me! Old Fecho and, workin' himself into a parfect freshet | was a tearin' through the room, and a ripof rage, he swore he would take the little pin' out out French oaths, in an oncomgal off home; and I'm blessed of he didn't. | mon rapid manner, and declarin' that he As soon as I eyed the old fellar startin' I knew some one had bin thar, fur he'd bin got in his wake and follered him, detar- teld so. Two or three times he appeared mined to find out whar he located; and to be rushin' for the winder, and the little arter an etarnal long windin' through one gal would coax him back agin, and then street arter another, down he dived into he'd cuss de Yankee doodels, and grit his French Hollow. Jest as he war about to teeth most owdaciously. Well, ef l warn't enter a house built agin the side of the in an eneasy situation all this time, then hill, the old fellar heerd my feotsteps, and I'm more than human-my arms jest

vat call my leetel gal von s-c-r-r-rouger, weak. Louldn't, fur the life of me, think I shall cut you all up into one lestel piece on any prayer I'd ever heerd-at last, jest ment to you, and a real calamity; already

vidout von whole.' but I own up that old fellar did kind a was a younker, and mutterin'-'Here I make me skeery; they teld sich stories drop me down deep, I pray the Lord my about the way he used to skin Ingins, that | bones to keep!' I sot my teeth together, have both sides of the channel of he want. go !-whiz! -r-r-r-ip!-bang! I went git a glimpse on her, and, sure enough der! oh, git me out! oh-o-o-o, murder!' evenin'. I told her I was jest fritterin' me? what wur the marter? and who'd away all to nothin' thinkin' on her, and a bit me? I opened my eyes to tell 'em I'd small mite of courtin' would spur me up fell from the third story, and broke every

a mockin' bird whistles.

cabaret; but you must be vair quiet as house, and jumped down jest four feet von leetle rat, vat dey call de mouse, and from whar my toes reached, -- I had lit on go vay before he come back to de maison.' the edge of a water pail, and it flowed 'aur ravoir' as the French say for good busted a larfin' at me. I crawled off. of slavery cannot expect to plant it on the by, and then paddled off to wait for night. arter firin' a volly at old Mounseer, of the shores of the Pacific in the latitude of I felt wuss than oneasy until the time ar. hardest kind of cusses, and from that day riv, and when it did git round I gin to crawl all over-I swar I was a leetle skeered. Hows'ever, it warn't manly to back out now when the gal was expectin' me, so l started for the Hellow. I think a darker night was never mixed up and spread ever this yearth-you remember, Bill, the night you steered the old Eagle square into the bank at Millikin's bend? well, it were jest a mite darker than that! A muddy bright night in June, somewhere in the | run winds along thro' the ravine whar the house stands, and I wur particularly near floppin' into it several times. A piece of candle in the window lighted me to whar for, besides having a strong penchant for the little gal was a waitin', and when I tapped at the door below she pattered down and piloted me up to the sittin' room, whar we sot down and took a good look at each other. She leoked pooty enough to tempt a fellar to bits a piece out on her. I had one fair one in each town between the sil sorts of good things made up to say mouth and the rapids, he still remained in when a chance offered, and here the chance wur, but cuss me of I could get out the fust mutter. Whether it wur skeer at the idee of the old Frenchman, or a bilin' up of affecshun fur his darter that stuck my throat so tight, I'm unable to swar

> "Vat is de mattair wiz you, Mounseer? said Marie; 'you look vair much like de leaf in von grand storm, all ovair wiz de

bar, blowin' some, but makin' mity little

shake!' "Well,' says I, 'I do feel as of I wur about to collapse a flue, or bust my biler, for the fact of the marter is, Marie, they say your old daddy's a tiger, and of I git old man might git hurt, and I should be fretted to do any sech a thing.'

"'Oh, mon amie, nevair be fear fur him, he is von great, strong as vat you call de Dieu! what shall I de wiz you, suppose he come, eh? He vill cut you into bits

"But, my angel,' sea I, 'he shan't ketch -the old man might as well try to catch Astorney at Law, and Solicitor in Chancery, will lookin' on at the dance, and I jest wished a Massissippi catty with a thread line, as will, Kendall, Grundy, and Iroquois. Office in Marie,' said I, 'ef I melt the old man down said so, then have feelin' his way up stairs, mutterin' like a unacquainted with icthiology, came along de vat you call coax, I shall not know how small piece of fat thunder, and swarin' in and turning over the dormant "animals," much time to spare, so I histed the winder one of them to a close proximity with his drop, Marie says to me-'Oh, mon Dieu! have you presecuted mum-it smelle!"

bein' on the low side. I'd gin all I had "Well, she is a scrouger,' answered then to know which side was waitin' beto see of thar warn't a star shinin' some-"'Vat you mean by him, eh? vat you where, jest to give a hint of what was beturnin' round in the darkness he shouted- stretched out to about a yard and a half in "'Ah, ha! von sneak Yankee deodel, in length, and gin to cramp and git orful as one hand was givin' way its hold, I "You know, beys, I aint easy skeer'd, thort of a short one I used to say when I "Oh, oui, you shall come some time ten feet above me! The fact wur, boys, ment; but not so the fact! dis night, when mon pere is gone to de I'd dropped out on the hill side of the to this I han't gone a courtin' in French

CHINA.—The manufacture of paper, the art of printing, and mariner's compass -by which he is enabled to guide his ship unerringly across the trackless ocean -the properties of the arch, the manufacture of sugar from the cane, all seem to have originated with the Chinece, and to have been known and used by them long before they were by any other na-

Paper was invented by them during the first century of the Christian Era, and printing early in the tenth century. The popularity of the needle is explicitly noticed in one of their dictionaries made in A. D. 121. Arches and vaulted work are still to be seen in the "Great Wall."constructedimere than two thousand years since; gunpowder was used by them at an early period, in making fire-works; it is comparatively but a short time since porcelean was made anywhere else, and the sugar-cane was taken from thence to other countries.

Some of those inventions were transmitted to Europe at an early period by the Arabs, whose far extended conquests, during the eighth and ninth centuries, brought them to the confines of the remote Empire of Chine, and to whose enterprise we owe the first distinct account of it and its peculiar institutions and customs, which still remain the same as then. The other arts mentioned made their appearance in Europe after the return of Marco Polo, the celebrated Venetian traveller, who spent seventeen years at the Court of Cublia Khan, the sovereign of the Tartars and Emperor of China .-The work published by this traveller is said to have been one of the principal lights used by the Portugues discoverers, in the fifteenth century, and his descriptions of the situation of China led Columbus to believe that by sailing in a westerly direction he should reach the eastern shores of Asia. When he arrived among the West India Islands, he thought he had discovered some of the wild regions of the East, and, according to Irving, "died in ignorance of the real gandeur of his

On a fish woman's stall, a few live loband old Fecho, juicy as a melon, came sters were exposed for sale. A stranger French orfully. I knowed that warn't asked the price, at the same time raising and backed out. Jest as I was about to nese. "Whew!" said the fellow, "I'll

the winder. My har riz on cend in a sing with a "whack," fastened it firmly early in the morning, the Padre and his trader, was strong timbered, not much the moment—'don't drop into the well!' I'll upon the gentleman's nose. The old wo- flick were at their devotions. Astounded at Chapultepec was in full blast. There worse fur wear, and looked wicked as a tell you what, boys, a souse into the Mas- man placed her arms akimbo in triumph, at what they considered a sacriligious were two Paixhan guns of large calibre, tree'd bear. I fired up and generated an rissippi in ice time warn't half as cold as and asked the gentleman with a chuckle, interruption, the men rushed to repel the and two eight pounder field pieces cast

People of Oregon.

WASHINGTON CITY, March 1847. My FRIENDS-For such I may call many of you from personal acquaintance,

and all of you from my thirty years devo-tion to the interests of your country—I think it right, to make this communication to you at the present moment, when the adjournment of Congress, without passing the bill for your government and protec. tion, seems to have left you in a state of abandonment by your mother country. But such is not the case. You are not abandoned! nor will you be denied protection for not agreeing to admit slavery. I, a man of the South, and a slaveholder.

tell you this. The House of Representatives, as ear. y as the middle of January, had passed the bill to give you a Territorial Government, and in that bill had sanctioned and legalized your Provisional Organic Act, one of the clauses of which forever prohibits the existence of slavery in Oregon. An amendment from the Senate's Committee, to which this was referred, preposed to abrogate that prohibition : and, in the delays and vexation to which that amendment gave rise, the whole bill was laid upon the table and lost for the session. This will be a great disappointfive years without law or legal institution for the protection of life, liberty, and property! and now doomed to wait a year longer. This is a strange and anomal. ous condition! almost incredible to con-I gin to think it was about best to let him drew a long breath, shut my eyes, and let template, and most critical to endure! a colony of free men, 4,000 miles from ed it, so I didn't darr to go see Marie fur -as I supposed-about fifty feet; and the metropolitan government, and without a long spell. One day I felt a strong han- didn't I holler, when I lit and rolled over, laws or government to preserve them ! kerin', and jest strolled along the heller to and the water soused all round me ! 'Mur- But do not be alarmed or desperate you will not be outlawed for not admitting thar she wur, a leanin' out the winder, The people came a rushin' out of their slavery. Your fundamental act against smilin' like the mornin' sun on a sleepin' houses, with lights, and sich another jar- that institution, copied from the ordinance bayou. I sidled up to the house, and asked gon of questions as they showered at me of 1787-(the work of the great men of her ef I darr cum and sit up with her that |-askin', all together, who'd bin a stabbin' the South, in the great day of the South, probibiting slavery in a territory far less northern than yours)-will not be abrogated! nor is that the intention of the amazin'; and then I gin her sich a look, bone in my body, when, on lookin' up, prime mover of the amendment. Upon that she fluttered into consent as easy as thar wur the old Frenchman and his dar- the record, the Judiciary Committee of ter grinnin' out of the top winder, about the Senate is the author of that amend-

That committee is only midwife to it. Its author is the same mind that generated the "firebrand resolutions" of which I send you a copy, and of which the amend-"In course I promised to do jest as she about me when I tell over! Arter old ment is the legitimate derivation. Oregon Wisconsin and the Lake of the woods. A home agitation, for election and disunion purposes, is all that is intended by thrusting this firebrand question into your bill! and, at the next session, when it is thrust in again, we will scourge it out! and pass your bill as it ought to be. promise you this in the name of the South, as well as the North; and the event will not deceive me. In the meantime, the President will give you all the protection which existing laws, and detachments of the army and navy, can extend to you; and until Congress has time to act, your friends must rely upon you to continue to govern yourselves as you have heretofore done, under the provision of your own voluntary compact, and with the patch. ustice, harmony and moderation which is due to your own character and to the

honor of the American name. I send you by Mr. Shively a copy of the bill of the late session, both as it passed the House of Representatives, and as proposed to be amended in the Senate with the Senate's vote upon lying it on the table, and a copy of Mr. Calhoun's resolutions-posterior in date to the amendment, but, nevertheless, father to it) also a copy of your own provisional organic act, as printed by order of the Senate: all which will put you completely in possession of the proceedings of Congress on your petition for a Territorial Government and for the pretection and

security of your rights. In conclusion, I have to assure you that the same spirit which has made me the friend of Oregon for thirty years-which led me to denounce the joint occupation treaty the day it was made, and to oppose its renewal in 1828, and to labor for its abrogation until it is terminated; the same spirit which led me to reveal the grand destiny of Oregon, in articles written in 1818, and to support every measure for her benefit since—this same spirit ancommerce at the mouth of your river, and sary to "save our country or perish." astream of Asiatic trade pouring into the valley of the Mississippi through the annel to Oregon.

Your friend and fellow-citizen. THOMAS H. BENTON.

A LITTLE EXCITEMENT .- On the

morning of the 5th inst., says the Flag. a Mr. Palmer, of Red River, Louisiania, who has lived for some time in Texas, on hearing of the capture of Vera Cruz, ran up to the Catholic Church in this place, and drop, Marie says to me—'Oh, mon Dieu! have you presecuted mum—it smells!' made its penderous bell in merry peals don't drop into de vell!' and instanter shut At that instant the lobster's claw cloinvader, the women followed close be- there on the 4th ult.

That's an enconscionable slick etarnal dark that I couldn't begin to tell Letter from Hon. Thomas H. Benton to the hind. The gentleman Texan told them he recollected very well when his countrymen were brought into the town, after a bloody massacre, that the same bell was made to toll the rejoicings of the Mexicans and although it might cost him his life, he would make it do the same thirg for the Americans over the fall of Vera Cruz .-In a few gracious words he apologized to the ladies for the alarm he had occasioned them; to the men he exhibited his revolver, and they quickly opened a pas-

MEXICO.

Important Changes in the Government-Retirement of Gomez Farias, and E. lection of a President substitute-Choice of Senor Anaya-His Inaugural Ad. dress-Santa Anna's Address to Congress-Project for I'o tifting the Capital, de., de.

Santa Anna found, on his arrival at the capital from San Luis, whither he had been brought for the estensible purpose of putting an end to the species of civil war which was raging within its walls, that Gomez Farias must retire. How was this to be effected? Some proposed one plan, some another; but Santa Anna would hear of no departure from regular constitutional action. As Santa Anna was to leave for the army, it would not do to let things remain in statu quo, as the moment Gomez Farias again become President ad interim, a renewal of the divisions, conflicts, &c., &c., which had just ceased, would inevitably take place. In this dilemma the Congress were induced to pass a bill, suppressing the officers of Vice President. This occurred on the 31st of March, and in the debate which followed the introduction of the bill, Gomez Farias seems to have been well supported by his friends. The division for and against. 38, to 35, shows how close are party positions in that as. sembly. On the 1st of April a decree was promulgated to this effect.

1. Permission is granted to the actual President of the Republic to take command in person of the forces which the Government may place under his command, to resist the foreign enemy.

2. The Vice President of the Republic, established by the law of the 21st December last, is suppressed.

2. The place of the provisional President shall be filled by a substitute named said. I kissed my hand to her, and said Fecho told them the joke, they pretty nigh is not the object. The most propaganist by Congress, according to the terms of the law just cited.

> 4. If in this election the vote of the deputations should be tied, in place of determining the choice by lot, Congress shall decide voting by person. 5. The functions of the substitute shall

> cease when the provisional President shall return to the exercise of power.

6. On the 15th day of May next the Legislatures of the. States shall proceed to the election of a President of the Republic, according to the form prescribed by the constitution of 1824, and with no other difference save voting for one individual only.

7. The same Legislature shall at once transmit to the Sovereign Congress the result of the election in a certified des-

An election was, therefore, held by Congress on the desposition of the Vice President, for a President Substitute, as the novel term is. There were two candidates, Senor Don Pedro Anaya and Gen. Almonte. The former received 60 votes and the latter 11, voting by person; or 18 votes against 3, counting by deputa-

Senor Anava being thus elected, was sworn into office on the 1st of April, and entered on the duties of President the next day; Santa Anna setting forth for the north and east, to join the army at

The press at the Capital .- Notwithstanding all the reverses attending the Mexican arms, the papers breathe nothing but a spirit of determined hostility to us. They announce that they must henceforth conquer or perish; that nothing can preserve their nationality save concentrating their energies and readily sacrificing all on the alter of their country.

Senor Anaya's Inaugural Address .-A very spirited address was published by Apaya to his countrymen on his accession to power. He began by alluding to the imates me, and will continue to do se danger which the loss of San Juan d'Ulwhile I live; which I hope, will be long lon and Vera Cruz has brought on the enough to see an emporium of Asiatic capital, and states that it is now neces-

Fortifying the Capital .- The President Anaya, immediately after taking the reins of Government, called together the principal military officers in the city, with a view to consult on the best manner of putting it into a state of defence. They were unanimous in recommending fortifications to be constructed, and the work to be begun forthwith. In the Republicano, it is stated, that the Chief of the Engineer corps present had been instructed to prepare a plan for presentation to the Government immediately.

Preparations.-The cannon foundry